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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
ROBERT A.H. BRUNET, ET AL.) Examiner: David Sorkin
Application No.: 09/874,376) Group Art Unit: 1723
Filed: June 6, 2001)
For: FLUID MIXING DEVICE) May 14, 2003

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the January 14, 2003 Office Communication to May 14, 2003. Please charge Deposit Account 50-1710 \$465.00 for payment of the extension fee. Any additional fee required, and any overpayments should also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

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In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement of November 21, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-49, with traverse. Applicants also provisionally

elect Fig. 6, upon which Claims 1-4, 8, 11, 13, 15, 19-20, 22-26, 30, 32, 33-40, and 42-49 read. Applicants submit that Claims 1-4, 8, 19-20, 22-24, 43-49 are generic. Traversal is on the grounds that a search of the art for one group of claims will necessarily include a search of the art for the other group of claims. It is believed that the burden on the Examiner to examine all claims in a single application is less than the burden on the Applicants/public to prosecute/search more than one application/patent.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3507. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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